

Senate Resolution 177

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Brown of the 26th, Adelman of the 42nd, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring President Barack Obama on becoming the 44th President of the United States and
2 recognizing President Barack Obama as an honorary lifetime member of the Georgia
3 Legislative Black Caucus; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2009, Barack Obama became the 44th President of the United
5 States and the first African American to hold this most important and powerful of world
6 positions; and

7 WHEREAS, prior to becoming president, Barack Obama faithfully and diligently served as
8 a member of the Illinois State Senate from 1997-2004 and was elected to the U.S. Senate in
9 2004, serving from January 3, 2005, until November 16, 2008; and

10 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama was a highly distinguished member of both the Illinois
11 and United States Senates and has a long and distinguished career as a public servant and
12 representative of the people; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus is a nonprofit charitable and educational
14 organization established in 1973 with a vision to set the standards for black legislators and
15 other political leaders in the years to come and to boldly assert the power of the black vote
16 and the power of the black voice; and

17 WHEREAS, the primary purposes of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus are to promote
18 the general welfare of minorities and other citizens of Georgia in matters of health, welfare,
19 education, criminal justice, employment, and economic development; to stimulate
20 professional and intellectual growth; and to advance the study and implementation of
21 solutions to the problems of all citizens of the great State of Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout his political career, President Barack Obama has enjoyed an
23 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, vision, and passion for public service, and no one

24 could be more worthy of special honor and recognition by the members of this body and the
25 Georgia Legislative Black Caucus than this extraordinary leader.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize President Barack Obama as an honorary lifetime member of the Georgia
28 Legislative Black Caucus; join in commending him for his exceptional service to his
29 community, this state, and our nation; and congratulate him on becoming the 44th President
30 of the United States.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the National Black Caucus of State
32 Legislators and other state black legislative caucuses are urged to adopt similar measures
33 recognizing the extraordinary achievements of President Barack Obama.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the chairman of the Georgia Legislative
36 Black Caucus, Senator Emanuel D. Jones; the president of the National Black Caucus of
37 State Legislators, Representative Calvin Smyre; and to the President of the United States,
38 Barack Obama.